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In Re the Application of

BARNETT et al.

For: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING

ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C

POLYPEPTIDE, POLYPEPTIDES AND

USES THEREOF

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003 (Paper No. 21). Applicants request a three-month extension of time for responding and attach the appropriate fee. Thus, as response filed on or before September 4, 2003 is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.